



While students were away this past summer the Hall of Justice was demolished to make way for a new parking lot.

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Random selection of freshman sacrifice under review

Janeen Neri
Lord of the Frosh

School officials are currently deciding whether the selection process of freshmen for the annual E-days Fire-E “M” finale should be revamped. “For as long as anyone can remember,” said Freshman Sacrifice Committee member Jack Merridew, “the freshmen who would participate in the ceremony were picked by listing out their CWIDs and finding several pseudorandom numbers in that range. In more recent years, it has served as useful practice for the Intro to Cryptography class, who could choose to develop an appropriate ‘pseudorandom’ number generator as their big project. Lately, though, certain faculty have suggested that it may not be best to select students on the basis of

which of them the math and CS students couldn’t stand.”

The idea of moving back to a commercial random or pseudo-random number was considered by the committee. However, some members suggested that a total revamp might be a smarter idea. “It’s true,” said Merridew, “that the random approach seems like the best way for a bunch of engineering geeks to solve the ‘fairness’ issue, but given how many freshman must be used for full coverage of the M, we determined that the probability we would lose several high-earning future alumni was unacceptably large. We are now considering what strategy we can use to implement ‘strategic randomness.’”

The simplest solution, the committee realized, would be to exclude the petroleum and chemi-

cal engineers from the CWID pool, and perhaps give a higher weight to the mathematics and chemistry majors. However, this idea was dismissed due to fears that the school would be called out for discrimination. “Unfortunately,” Merridew said, “we aren’t really allowed to openly discriminate against artist-types, no matter how much future poverty and endless job searching we feel we are saving them from. Incredibly, most of them will go on to enjoy their seemingly miserable existence because they love their field so much.”

Committee members also feared that weeding out the students in theoretical fields might diminish the prestige of the school. “Much as we practical-heads hate to admit it,” Merridew explained, “there is a certain sophistica-

tion that comes from catering to theoretical fields, at least in token. Besides, they do have an alarming tendency to publish papers, get awards, and discover things, which is great advertising for us.” Given these problems with their first idea, the committee realized that a selection process would need to satisfy two qualifications. It must favor potential low-achievers – both the low-earners and those likely to bring no prestige to the school – while avoiding all appearances of discrimination.

“That’s when it hit us,” Merridew said, “we could just select students with no common sense. After all, people with no common sense are universally annoying, so even extreme discrimination against them is given the blind eye by the law.” The committee further determined that selecting such

students would involve no more work than cross-checking the permits on any cars still left in the freshman parking lot the morning of the tenth (Saturday). “Everyone wins,” Merridew said, “because this means that we don’t even need to send out an ‘Ugrad-Stu’ announcement about clearing the lot; having more freshmen parked there is actually a good thing.”

When asked whether it wouldn’t be even simpler to just end the tradition, Merridew was indignant. “Certainly not!” he said, “what with the recent wimpification of the M-climb, our students need at least one rite that lets them satisfy their primal, testosterone-induced lust for violence.”

Why, if we didn’t have Fire-E ‘M,’ they could very well go out and set the trees on fire or something.”



Last year’s Fire-E ‘M’ burns bright throughout the duration of ZombiE-Days

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Scientific discoveries this week

Jake Rezac, Content Vanisher

Omaha, NE: Mathematicians at Creighton University have developed an algorithm to predict winners of the NCCA Basketball Tournament. Described as a discretized non-homogeneous Poisson process, the algorithm was designed using genetic algorithms, with parameters found numerically using Monte Carlo integration methods. Due to the lyapunov stability of the process, it is guaranteed to predict the correct winners of the tournament. When applied to this year's field, the scientists were happy to see the final four filled with Kansas, Pittsburgh, Villanova, and Creighton University.

Northern Scotland: Physicists at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry have detected traces of previously theoretical element 119. Temporarily named Ununennium, or eka-Francium, the element is the most recent in a series of shockingly regular discoveries by the team at Hogwarts. The elements have been discovered, the scientists say, through nearly non-stop physical labor and the best technicians in the world. Led by team leader Severus Snape's boundless knowledge of particle physics, the team has high hopes for winning next year's Nobel Prize for Physics.

Moscow, Russia: According to a new paper in the journal Physica D, science is extremely difficult. While some disciplines, such as American Literature and Poetry, have been proven to be "rather tough," new research indicates that their difficulty is unmatched by that of the sciences. According to the paper's primary author, "I took Calculus a really long time ago," and "Physics just never made sense to me." These, coupled with how geeky it is to be a scientist, make it hard to make new discoveries. The researchers were funded by massive grants from the Department of Defense and National Science Foundation, who seem to disagree with the findings, contending that science is only, "a little tricky."

Sydney, Australia: Researchers in the National Australian Labs have made an important new discovery involving the direction flushing toilets spin in the Southern Hemisphere. While water flowing down drains in a counter-clockwise fashion in the Northern Hemisphere, water flows clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere. Lead researchers commented that their findings were, "really weird!" and commented that, "everything's so different in the Southern Hemisphere. Did you know that Australia used to be a prison colony?!" Further research is being done by the team on the effects of vinegar on baking soda (and how it relates to volcanic eruption) and what the solar system looks like.

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Headlines from around the world

People paying attention

After the stunning passage of "Obamacare", President Barack Obama has decided to run for **British Prime Minister**. When asked why, Obama replied, "Because I can."

Chinese search giant Baidu renamed itself Goooogle after the American search engine of similar name declared that it would no longer be self-censoring.

After announcing that French cars should be made in France, French President Nicolas Sarkozy added that only **women's razors** made in France would be sold in France. No change in sales is expected, since no one shaves anyway.

Berkeley students staged a rally to gather support for **hemp condoms** to be endorsed in the new healthcare bill. They claim that these condoms are both eco-friendly and decrease unwanted pregnancies, compared to using the "natural method." Students at the rally say the extreme discomfort indicates a true commitment to the environmental cause and that they are definitely not poseurs.

Italian President Silvio Berlusconi denied again in an interview that he was involved in a **prostitution ring**. He also claimed that the 19-year-old with DD's on his arm was drawn to him by his charm.

A Zimbabwean found a US twenty dollar bill on the street last week. He is now the **richest man** in the country.

After **Germany** accused **Greece** of being a mooch at the bar again this weekend, Greece promised to make amends. 'We will totally buy Germany's drinks

next week," Greece said. Germany will believe it when Greece washes the dishes for once.

Black turtleneck shortages sent **Apple stock** down 2%. Steve Jobs was forced to appear in a grey turtleneck during a press conference the other day. "It just ruins the brand every time he has to do that," said one source. A dye shortage in India has been blamed, delaying turtleneck production in the Philippines.

Sarah Palin gave a speech last week at a tea-party rally, discussing **Faraday's Law** and the principles of electromagnetic flux relating to voltage. Noting that it's application is limited due to partial time derivatives, Palin pointed out that the law is restricted to time invariant test charges with respect to time variant magnetic fields. The speech was well received by the two physicists in the audience, though several attendees complained that she was

losing her "everyman's touch."

An **Earth Hour** organizer admitted that he didn't follow Earth Hour. "Oh man, I totally forgot about that and spent the hour driving ATVs around pristine national parks," the organizer explained. "I can't believe I did that. 150 US cities agreed to go dark for an hour, but I brought a diesel-powered blender to the middle of nowhere so that I could enjoy fresh margaritas. Man, I feel like a jerk."

Kristen Stewart turns out to be greatest actress on earth. Citing her propensity to bite her lower lip apprehensively regardless of the emotional context of the scene, the Director of the Academy of Motion Pictures heralded her style of acting as the "boldest, most raw display of talent I've seen since the blonde on CSI: Miami." He also described her delivery of dialogue as "not wooden at all."



Local News

Comcast has announced a partnership with Pixar Inc. to sponsor Toy Story 3. Buzz Lightyear's new slogan is now "To Xfinity and Beyond!". Not to be outdone by Comcast, The Linux Foundation is sponsoring Happy Feet 2.

Apple has announced that due to negative feedback about the name "iPad", they have decided to rename the infamous tablet iWantYourMoney instead.

The EPICS Department at the Colorado School of Mines announced a new curriculum for freshman and sophomores. EPICS I and II will now put less emphasis on "reports" and more on skills useful in industry.

Chipotle announced a new deal for Mines students. Anyone still standing after finals in May is eligible for a free burrito.

CSM athletics decided to cancel all games for the next weeks. The official reasoning is unknown, but sources close to the athletic department say coaches are too busy watching March Madness.

CU Boulder announced their annual "PansE-Days". Their main event will be a two-story egg-drop. Local elementary school students are rumored to be set to beat CU-Boulder's top engineering students. Meanwhile, Mines will showcase actual engineering.

Several weeks ago the Oredigger mistakenly suggested that ASCSM had actually done something at a meeting. This was incorrect. Our bad.

Obama vetoes health-care reform

An Un“president”ed Move

Tim Weilert
Healthnut

In a move that shocked both Democrats and Republicans, President Obama announced that he would veto the healthcare reform bill. During a press conference held last Thursday, the President remarked that he was dissuaded from signing the \$940 billion bill after he spent an afternoon perusing the popular social networking site Facebook.

“I had hoped that every American could be given an equal opportunity to receive healthcare, but I soon found that the public thought otherwise. I found several “groups” and “pages” such as “1,000,000 Against the Obama Healthcare Bill,” “You Can Stop Obamacare,” “All Against the Obama healthcare bill,” and “I Wish I Were Your Derivative So I Could Lie Tangent To Your Curves!”

Obama proceeded to describe how seemingly endless posts from random and anonymous people (who did not graduate

from Harvard Law with doctorate degrees) convinced him that all of his political ambitions had been for naught. Furthermore, Obama was convinced that he has been a “socialist, communist, fraud, joke, dumbass, terrorist, and llama.”

Colorado representative Betsy Markey, whose last minute change in stance on the controversial bill helped the measure pass Congress, appeared relieved after hearing of Obama’s veto. “I didn’t REALLY want the thing to pass, despite being a Democrat and representing the new “blue” Colorado. I had changed my mind because all of the cool Congressmen were voting for the bill. Now, I guess none of that really matters, I can go back to just seeking reelection by any means possible.”

When asked about the President’s decision, Vice President Joe Biden had this to say, “I do not know what this ‘face book’ is, or what a ‘commie puter’ can do, but I don’t like them!” He then proceeded to rattle off a string of profanity the likes of which this newspaper cannot print.



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Civilization discovered outside of Golden

Jake Rezac
The Explorer

In a shocking paper published in the science journal Nature this week, a group of archeologists and anthropologists claim to have discovered a large city located outside the boundaries of Golden. Although yet not independently verified, some scientists are heralding this as the greatest discovery of the century.

Denver, as many locals call their city, was discovered by a group of scientists led by Dr. Tim Willet. He explained how the group made their find.

“While hiking along South Table Mountain, we discovered a hole in the Protective Bubble our great leaders built around the city limits. While we knew we should avoid the gap and tell government officials immediately, our curiosity got the best of us and we attempted to look through. Immediately, we were struck by the enormous structures which appeared to be jutting out of the ground miles away.”

The scientists planned an expedition and, traveling on foot and using Blaster the Burro to carry their supplies, they eventually reached a mysterious and confusing place.

“Because of the large structures surrounding us,” Willet explained, “we initially thought the civilization must be very techno-

logically advanced.

However, after speaking with natives, we realized some disturbing truths. For example, only a handful of the natives interviewed had World of Warcraft accounts.

Furthermore, when we attempted to connect with the locals by telling them our favorite math jokes, not a single one understood – some even reacted with violence. Most terrifying was the large amount of females in the culture. Only a disgusting sacrificial ritual could explain such a thing.”

To explain how there could be such a gap between the technology present in Denver and the

culture of its people, the scientists looked into Golden’s past.

“There is a long-standing tradition that, after founding the School of Mines, the Three Great Engineers, Meyer, Brown, and Chauvenet, traveled east, their work being done,” Willet described. “While most take this to be a myth, the enormous structures in Denver indicate this must be true; our founders must have started a new civilization to the east, and used their extensive knowledge to build a great city.”

While the scientists enjoyed their time in Denver, Willet warned against others making the trip.

“Such a culture shock between Golden and Denver is not for the weak-hearted. While it might be possible to find friendly locals, the average Mines student and Golden resident will not be able to cope with the terrifying differences.”

For more information on this find, see this week’s issue of Nature.

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Apple disallows Macs from visiting Google

Ian Littman
Not a Fanboy

Apple announced Sunday that due to their deteriorating relationship with Google, all Google products would be unavailable if you access them from a device with the Apple logo on it. The “Google ban” will start Friday with the iPhone and iPod touch, then extend to desktops and laptops running MacOSX with the company’s upcoming Leopard 10.6.3 update, slated for mid-April.

“Apple entered the phone business,” CEO Steve Jobs stated when asked about these new draconian measures. “We didn’t enter the search business. The phone business is OURS and OURS only, and Google is stealing our precious. I’m not gonna let that happen.”

Some analysts think that the move came on the heels of Sprint, Google, and HTC’s announcement of the HTC Evo 4G, an Android phone with specs poised as an “honest-to-goodness iPhone killer.” From an eight-megapixel camera with 720p video recording

to a ginormous 4.3inch AMOLED screen, the Evo is not a device to be trifled with. It also takes full advantage of Sprint/Clear/Comcast/Time Warner Cable/any-other-cable-company-who-wants-to-rebrand-the-service’s WiMAX network, which kicks butt and takes names as long as you can get a decent signal, which you can’t do.

“It really looks like we have an iPhone killer on our hands here,” Jay Smith of GBA Research said regarding the Evo 4G. “The name isn’t as catchy as ‘iPhone’ or ‘Super-sonic,’ but it’s OK. The specs are alright and the thing actually works,” he continued, referencing Microsoft’s failed mobile OS attempts. “I can see why Apple would get worried over this announcement,” Smith continued.

One thing to note is that Smith has hailed devices as iPhone killers before, most recently Verizon’s Motorola Droid. “I missed on that one,” he admitted. “At least I didn’t call the Nexus One a winner...as usual Google doesn’t know how to support real end users.”

“I don’t see why Apple is hav-

ing such a hissy fit right now,” Clarke Thompson of BigTrends Analytics noted. “I can totally see Apple shooting themselves in the foot by dropping Google. This is like punching your rich uncle in the face because he can do awesome tricks on his bike when you can’t - he grew up in the 80’s; of course he’s better.” Thompson added that Google actually has nowhere near the market capitalization of Apple, which recently hit fourth out of all U.S. corporations, behind ExxonMobil, Wal-Mart and Microsoft. That said, mobile devices are what’s driving Apple’s record profits right now, so a threat to the iPhone is a threat to the Apple - like a worm.

Other people familiar with the matter say that Apple considered partnering with Yahoo for search across their platform, however; since Yahoo is partnering with Microsoft’s Bing for everything these days, Apple was uncomfortable with the business relationship. AT&T has, in fact, switched to Yahoo for mobile search on their cellular network, and Verizon has gone with Bing. Apple decided to

go with neither search provider, at least for the next three months.

The block isn’t exactly fool-proof however. According to member app131337 at OSx86 Forums, “all u hav 2 do is jailbreak ur iphone or itouch and download/run the GoogClean app 2 get back access.”

Another member on OSx86, h4x0rAAPL, wrote the tool and says that it “Basically reverts your iPhone back to the way it is now: Google as the default search engine, Gmail as an option when setting up e-mail accounts, the whole nine yards.”

“I think this is just stupid,” said one stuttering Mines student about the whole affair. “Apple’s getting into a c-cat fight with Google and taking everyone with them. I won’t be able to access my-my-MyMail from my own computer unless I spend half an hour doing a w-w-workaround!”

Another quipped, “This is why you run Linux everywhere...somebody hacks this crap in and you just hack it right back out. All from the command line of course.”

CCIT will be posting tutori-

als for the aforementioned work-arounds. “We think that Apple is overreacting here as well,” said CCIT Director Bill Bromig. “CCIT is probably the most Mac-heavy department here at Mines for personal machines, unless you count everyong in the Geological Engineering Department twice. So, this stands to really impact our productivity. When we’re looking online for answers to questions we have about...well, everything... we want a search engine that, you know, actually works!”

Apple stock dropped 5% in heavy trading today. Google dropped the same amount in dollars as Apple, but since the stock has a much larger value per share the percentage drop was only 1.5%. “Google can ride this one out...not really sure what will happen to Apple before this is all over,” analyst James Jamison of PippinJeffery Research said of the correction. “Eventually El Jobso will have to put down his ego and play ball. It’s just a matter of how long that will take. My bet: three weeks after the blocks are instituted,” Jameson said.

Tourist harvest looking good

Janeen Neri
The Reaper

It is spring again, and Mines students know that can mean only one thing: ripe, juicy tourists. School officials have hinted that this year's harvest could be a bumper crop. "We purchased more flats than ever before," said student volunteer Ashley Roberts, "and fortunately for us, we had an extra [snow] day to take care of them in the fall. The recovery from the recession is definitely helping us too, because we fertilize the seedlings with shredded money." Few students are familiar with the tourist gardening process, so Roberts gave a general outline. "We usually start planting them in the fall," she explained, "they come in these big, glossy paper flats with the school logo on them. A few days before planting begins, a bunch of us get together and cut the flats down to size for redistribution. We're still trying to figure out the best location for tourist growth, but the most promising locations so far have been the airport and, oddly, mailboxes. We usually cut a couple big flats for DIA and several hundred smaller ones for mailbox growth."

A little-known fact about tour-

ist plants is their unusually long period of dormancy. "Sometimes," Roberts explained, "we have to wait a year or two for them to even sprout. But once they appear, they're ready for harvest almost at once." Beginning sometime in the spring, the paper that holds the tourist seeds starts to tear. Within a few hours, other seeds have started to grow in the flat, and the paper explodes, showering the airport or mailbox floor with tiny, fully formed tourists. The student volunteers then have a window of about 1-2 days to pick the tourists before they become overripe. "A couple wrinkly tourists," said Roberts, "are inevitable, especially in the mailbox cultures, but we try to reduce their number as much as possible. We're mostly interested in the slightly underripe ones, the ones that look like human teenagers." To halt the ripening process, the freshly-picked tourists are taken to Slate Café, where they are sprayed with hormone-laced soft-serve ice cream. They are then carried backwards across the entire campus while the student volunteer in charge of them talks firmly and positively to them. "The talking is important," Roberts explained, "because tourists have grown up

in a symbiotic relationship with college campuses. They must be talked to and exposed to a variety of different sights and sounds or they won't go to seed." To catch the seeds when they come, the tourists are fitted with a pile of blank paper flats; tourist seeds are projectile and slightly sticky, so many of them end up adhered to the blanks. Once next year's seeds have been collected, the tourists are taken back to the student center, where they are shrink-wrapped for use in a variety of campus dishes. "Slate is the biggest consumer by far," said Roberts, "but many of the other campus dining areas require slices of fresh tourist to give their food that extra spark. For example, it may not look like it from the outside, but all up and down the core of a tourist is a doughy pith. When you scoop out the center, it becomes one of Einstein's gourmet bagels." When asked what is ahead for the tourist gardening team, Roberts explained that their "main goal is to push the cost of growing them down even more. We're still at the point where tourists are a delicacy, and we want to change that. I mean, a dollar for a single bagel? We can do better than that."

Internet is actually a "series of tubes"

Zachary Boerner
Not a dump truck

Former Alaskan Senator Ted Stevens was apparently right when he declared, "The internet is a series of tubes," a new report published this Thursday indicates. The report, written by a well-meaning group of IT professionals, analyzed all of the components that constitute "The Internet" and declared that since most of it is either copper wire or fiber optic cable, it is indeed a series of tubes, although the report did point out that in many cases, it was tubes in parallel. This report came as a shock only to people who don't actually know how the internet works. The blogosphere reacted in its usual, well-reasoned manner, which prompted many comments, chief among them,

"FIRST!" Many people posted on Facebook that they thought the report was wrong and were going to protest it, but, of course, no one actually did anything. Experts, however, are wondering what this might mean for the rest of the internet. "When people are uneducated about a subject, they can be controlled," said analyst Ihavnot A'degree. "But when people become 'educated' about a subject, they can react violently. We might be seeing a major change in how people think about the internet. Or, in usual apathy, they could just ignore it and go on with business as usual." With matters uncertain about the internet, Google decided to take the initiative today by introducing Google TISP, a low-cost internet service, using "the tubes." (See our article in this issue.)

Coors Lab to become actual laboratory 200mL beakers replace pints

Tim Weilert
I'm Not "Cut Me Off." Don't "Drunk."

The MillerCoors tasting room, also known as "Coors Lab" by CSM students who frequent it, is set to once again become a functioning laboratory at the end of the month. Changing the bar and lounge area into a full-service scientific facility will allow Mines students to earn class credit for attending the lab at least twice a week. Top beer scientists hope to utilize the CSM community's taste for

beer to create new and innovative products. A similar conversion was made back during the early 90's and the result was unfortunately disastrous... Zima. Following the malt-beverage collapse of 1999, Coors disbanded the laboratory and returned to serving dangerously cold Coors Light to tourists. The instances of esophageal frostbite in Golden has increased 300% since then. As a part of a newly proposed class, EGGN-3.20% (by weight), students will be able to assist brew-masters in coming up with

clever names for seasonal Blue Moon brews. Also, they will help redesign the "long-tour" at Coors to be less terrible and actually worth taking every once in a while. After all, what good is a tour of the brewing floor if you can't jump in the hops? As far as actual beer-related work goes, CSM students will be used as a testing population for experimental brews. The 3-sample limit will be lifted as students attempt to stomach Coors I.P.A. (Irradiated Pale Ale), Killian's Irish Blue, and Coors Non-Alcoholic (it's truly the worst of the bunch).

Janeen Neri
Coughs in Public

School officials have announced that within the next few years, so-called "smoking booths" will be scattered around the Mines campus. "Yeah, so we tried telling incoming freshmen that they shouldn't smoke in pathways," said public health head coordinator Pam Darich, "but college kids have such selective hearing. Maybe if we had said 'don't smoke in FREE the FOOD pathways.'" Administrators were left with the problem of how to keep non-smoking students who dared step outside from being hit by smoke every few minutes. "I don't think they realize how terrible it smells," said freshman Peter Divner, "I live in dread of even having one of them sit next to me in class... the stench gives me the worst kind of nausea." School officials briefly toyed with the idea of using a campaign similar to the one used to combat binge drinking, but, as Darich said, "We used up all our lame catchphrases, wince-worthy attempts at mathematical references, and unsubtle double entendres on the drinking and recycling campaigns." "Besides," Darich added, "it's hard to figure out how we're even supposed to get through to these students. Didn't smoking stop being cool and start being disgusting at around, oh, the early '90's? I think before we can try to combat this trend, we have to figure out why the frak students are even smoking to begin with." When experts from various

fields were brought in to study the campus, they determined that students may be smoking due to a "reality distortion field," a phenomenon first discovered in studies involving Apple fanatics. "Basically," Darich said, "these students have spent their entire lives being told that 'anything is possible,' and even more so for them, since they are the intellectual cream of the crop. They then use their legendary skills at abstraction to determine that the statement 'anything is possible' also applies to dodging the ill effects of cigarette use, as well as the impoliteness that is normally imputed on smokers who puff away in areas people are forced to walk through." Given the impossibility of convincing smokers to reduce or give up their public consumption of cigarettes, the faculty decided that the best solution would be to isolate them from the rest of the students. Beginning a year or two from now, 'smoking booths' will be installed both outside and inside strategic campus buildings. In addition, school policy will start requiring smokers to take tests only in the late common hour exam period so that their acrid smell will not be distracting to the other test takers. "We expect that funding for this program will be quick in coming," Darich said, "because it has a sustainable twist to it. Besides isolating the clouds of smoke, thereby reducing their health impacts on the student body, we also plan to pump the smoke from these booths into a facility for raising bees."



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Geek of the Week

..Anna Gellert, Sophomore: Economics and Business

Janeen Neri
Geek Watcher

What's your major?

I'm a business major. I like it because companies snap us up, but I don't have to do too much physics.

Do you consider yourself a geek?

I suppose. There's an extent to which the geek label has "sold out."

What do you mean?

Well, we're not living in the world where jocks rule anymore. People have realized that geeks are smart and attractive and awesome, finally, and now everyone wants to be us. But they're not necessarily smart enough; they're only wannabes. You can never be sure if the person you're talking to is a real geek or just heard that geekiness was the in-thing now.

What's your standard for geekiness?

It varies from person to person. In fact, I'm definitely suspicious if you think you're a geek and you like Star Wars, computers, and Lord of the Rings. Of course you do, because you've heard that these are things that stereotypical geeks like, and you just want to be popular. You've already failed the geek test – heck, you could at least pick Star Trek!

So what are your geeky interests?

Definitely Star Trek, computers, and Lord of the Rings.

What's the geekiest thing you've ever done?

Well, I think that was when I decided to take C++ for fun. It's not required for my major, and you get to do programming in there!

What's your favorite geeky joke?

Ok, so listen to this one, be-

cause it's so awesome and original. It's the pickup line that goes, "I want to be your derivative so I can lie tangent to your curves." Isn't that so creative? If someone used that on me, I would be, like, *swoon,* you know. [laughs]

What do you like to do with your spare time?

I dunno, I usually spend it talking on the friend with my boyfriend or planning my outfit for the next day. You wouldn't believe how many geeky t-shirts I have! I have one that says has the integral of e to the xy, so it looks like it says "sexy." I have another one that has a square root of -1 saying "Be rational," to a pi. But get this, the pi says back "Get real!" Because, see the square root of -1 is imaginary and pi is an irrational number. Wow, I am such a geek.

What's your favorite thing about Mines? Least favorite thing?

I think my favorite thing about Mines is how they're trying to get more girls to come to the school. I like having a lot of boyfriend material just as much as the next gal, but sometimes I just need time to chat with girls. Guys spend too much time talking about math and school and stuff – to all you guys out there, listen, I'm only doing this because I'll get a fat paycheck later. There is nothing fun about classes. I'd say that's my least favorite thing. The classes.

And finally, is there a difference between a geek and a nerd?

Oh, they're completely different.

How so?

A nerd is just someone who's obsessive about a certain topic, but all they have is head knowledge. A geek is someone who uses that head knowledge to do things.

Avatar connects graphic designs, social commentary

Ryan Browne
James Cameronologist

I have apparently been living under a rock, as I just recently went to see the James Cameron masterpiece, *Avatar*. I try to ignore all movie trailers playing on TV so that my view of a movie is not distorted prior to seeing it. To be honest, I was thinking that I was going to see the M. Night Shyamalan movie *Avatar: The Last Airbender*. However, I walked out of the movie pleasantly surprised.

Being too cheap to spend the exorbitant amount to see the movie in 3-D, the film written, directed, produced, and starred in by James Cameron was confined to a measly 2-D, keeping the blue giants safely contained.

Building on the themes of the Disney classic *Pocahontas*, and others such as *Dances With Wolves* and *Fern Gully*, James Cameron brilliantly continued his

legacy of cutting social commentary. The movie, a comment on society's fixation on environmental issues instead of remembering that there is always another, better planet somewhere, and that as a society, we must develop technologically or perish.

However, even Cameron does not take it to the extreme, reminding everyone that they must remain grounded in their current situations and connected to the terrible place they are now lest they stop striving for the good of themselves. This is clearly demonstrated in the braids that could connect with Grandmother Willow and all the other bizarre and deadly creatures inhabiting Pandora.

While Cameron does portray his ideal, he reminds us that we have not yet reached that place with the conclusion where the agents of progress and development are shunned from the world, in favor of the *status-deadly-quo*.

Not only was the plot gripping and compelling, the special effects would blow your mind. There were several scenes that made me wonder if the creative director had managed to override the director, but then Cameron brought everything together, connecting the beautiful scene to the plot.

I was so thrilled with this movie that I tried to find a copy so that I could watch it over and over again on my Lexus 1.1 smartphone. However, Cameron inserted a small clip prior to the feature film informing me that the viewing experience would be so degraded that my small mind could not fully process all of the intended social commentary without a proper 99.23 in. display.

All in all, this is one of the best-made movies of all time, connecting all of the pieces that have so far been developed in Hollywood. Remember James Cameron for Best Film in 2010.



Cooking corner: Mud pie

Sara Post
Resident Chef

- 8 cups powdered bentonite
- 8 cups water
- 6 cups loam
- 1 cup loess
- 4 eggs
- 5 cups sugar, divided
- 3 cups whipping cream, divided

Preheat the oven to 350F.

Combine the bentonite and water in a large bowl (plan on the mixture expanding to two or three

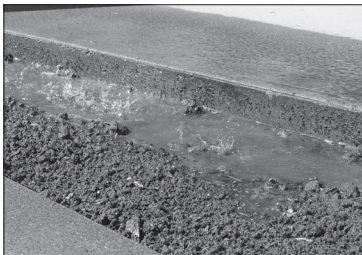
times its original volume). Roll out onto a large board and divide into two pieces, roll into circles about 1/4" thick. Place in two 9" pie pans, crimp the edges with a fork.

In another large bowl, combine the loam, eggs, and 4 cups sugar. Beat one cup of the whipping cream until soft peaks form, fold into loam mixture. Divide mixture evenly between the two pie pans.

Bake for 60 minutes, or until you can't put a toothpick through the crust. Let cool for at least 4 hours.

In another large bowl, beat the

remaining whipping cream until soft peaks form. Slowly add the sugar and beat until well combined. Gently fold the loess into the whipped cream. Top cooled pies with whipped cream mixture, serve.



STEVEN WOOLDRIDGE / OREDIGGER

Dr Norman Streng working on Streng theory

Department: Biomath Physics

Neelha Mudigonda
Suck-Up Student

Dr. Streng founded his own department, Biomath Physics, at the Colorado School of Mines because of his variety of passions. Upon obtaining his bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Too Cool for a Real Degree, he researched the effects of unemployment on graduates from his own school for several years.

He then proceeded to study biology at CU Boulder while working on his PhD at Mines in physics, specifically Streng Theory. During the same time period, he started his teaching career at Mines. Dr. Streng currently works in conjunction with Dr. Barr to publish a paper on the Streng Theory. Besides working at Mines, Dr. Streng plants trees to save the environment, feeds the homeless, takes classes in acting, and adopts any stray animals.

Why did you transition completely from psychology?

I obtained a B.S. in Psychology. We all know that no one wants a B.S. degree.

How did you end up at the School of Mines?

Well, while I was in school for the second time, I wanted to pursue a career in acting as a side project; my friends encouraged me to attend the Colorado School of Mimes. I confused Mines with Mimes. Po-tay-toe, po-tah-toe, right?

Why did you end up going to CU Boulder and Mines at the same time?

Mines apparently thinks it's too cool to offer majors in biology; I wanted to study biology and physics, so you gotta do what you gotta do.

What were your favorite classes while you were a student?

I really enjoyed the physics classes that I took for fun. They introduced me to the Streng Theory, which is what I'm working on my PhD in.

What's so fascinating about the Streng Theory?

I've always had a special bond with it because my last name is also Streng. Do you need more of a reason to spend 6 more years in school? I know I don't.

Fascinating. What was your profession before you started teaching?

I have worked many jobs be-

fore coming to Mines. I worked at an animal shelter, joined a club that protested global warming, planted trees just for funsies, and a whole bucket list of things.

A whole bucket list of more hippie things?

Obviously. I also really like tofu, not showering, yoga, and hugging trees. I used to be a pro hippie.

Pro hippie? What does that even mean?

Well...since none of my jobs paid for my expenses [because I volunteered for all of them], I decided not to have any expenses. I bummed in Hippieville for a while. Or in Boulder. Same thing.

Interesting. On to your teaching career, what are the pros and cons about teaching?

I enjoy how nerdy people are at this school; it always makes for good jokes at the dinner table. I dislike people coming in during my office hours; obviously, "Office Hours" is code for "Nap Time: Do Not Disturb."

Why did you want to teach?

I thought I would get summers off along with fall, spring, and winter breaks. Unfortunately, I realized that this isn't like teaching high school... after it was too late

to back out of the contract.

What are your goals in life?

My goal in life was to get funds to build an animal shelter in Mines, but since they let me found my own department and it sounds pretty cool, I decided that it was close enough. Goal achieved.

About that...what's the story behind three fields in one department?

Well, I wanted to teach all three things at the same time. They thought I was too skilled to not have around, so they accepted my demands. It works.

What's your favorite book?

I would have to say anything that helps my teaching techniques. Apparently students don't appreciate the art of napping and have complained that I don't help during my office hours. You have to put up with whiny people some way, right?

What's the craziest thing you've done?

I got married to a petroleum engineer 5 years ago. I found out that environmentalists and petroleum engineers don't get along too well. The hard way.

Do you have any pets? If so, what kind, and what are their names?

I have too many pets that I picked up on the streets to name. I think my wife is going to divorce me for it.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I still protest global warming. Other than that, I convince my petroleum engineer wife to quit her job.

Can you do any cool tricks?

I'll have to show you my awesome yoga poses sometime.

What do you do during the holidays?

I leave all my possessions and go live in the woods..."Into the Woods" style.

In your opinion, are you a nerd?

I don't think so. I just like to think that I'm obsessed with lots of school. Nothing wrong with that, right?

Who's your favorite scientist, and why?

I'm my favorite scientist. I don't think I need to explain why.

Any other information you'd like to share with the readers out there?

Come plants trees with me if you have free time. You can find me in my office in the middle of Kafadar Commons under a tree.

Nerd

of the Week

...Hannah Leffert, Sophomore: Environmental Engineering

Janeen Neri
Nerd Watcher

What's your major?
I'm an environmental engineer. I like it because companies will be snapping us up in the near future, but I don't have to do way too much math and physics.

Do you consider yourself a nerd?
I suppose.

What do you mean?
Well, we're not living in the world where jocks rule anymore. People have realized that nerds are smart and attractive and awesome, finally, and now everyone wants to be us. But they're not necessarily smart enough; they're

only wannabes. You can never be sure if the person you're talking to is a real nerd or just heard that nerdiness was the in-thing now.

What's your standard for nerdiness?
It varies from person to person. In fact, I'm definitely suspicious if you think you're a nerd and you like Star Wars, computers, and Lord of the Rings. Of course you do, because you've heard that these are things that stereotypical nerds like, and you just want to be popular. You've already failed the nerd test – heck, you could at least pick Star Trek!

So what are your nerdy interests?
Definitely Star Trek, computers,

and Lord of the Rings.

What's the nerdiest thing you've ever done?
Well, I think that was when I decided to take C++ for fun. It's not required for my major, and you get to do programming in there!

What's your favorite nerdy joke?
Ok, so listen to this one, because it's so awesome and original. It's the pickup line that goes, "I want to be your derivative so I can lie tangent to your curves." Isn't that so creative? If someone used that on me, I would be, like, *swoon,* you know. [laughs]

What do you like to do with your spare time?
I dunno, I usually spend it talking

on the friend with my boyfriend or planning my outfit for the next day. You wouldn't believe how many nerdy t-shirts I have! I have one that has the integral of e to the xy, so it looks like it says "sexy." I have another one that has a square root of -1 saying "Be rational," to a pi. But get this, the pi says back "Get real!" Because, see the square root of -1 is imaginary and pi is an irrational number. Wow, I am such a nerd.

What's your favorite thing about Mines? Least favorite thing?
I think my favorite thing about Mines is how they're trying to get more girls to come to the school. I like having a lot of boyfriend materi-

al just as much as the next gal, but sometimes I just need time to chat with girls. Guys spend too much time talking about math and school and stuff – to all you guys out there, listen, I'm only doing this because I'll get a fat paycheck later. There is nothing fun about classes. I'd say that's my least favorite thing. The classes.

And finally, is there a difference between a nerd and a geek?
Oh, they're completely different.

How so?
A geek is just someone who's obsessive about a certain topic, but all they have is head knowledge. A nerd is someone who uses that head knowledge to do things.



Google TISP

Ian Littman, Jargon Technician

Six hundred cities applied for Google's Fiber to the Home project. In all likelihood, only one will get gigabit access. Yet, there's hope for everyone else if you're willing to settle for lower speeds: Google TISP, the company's ultra-low-cost alternative to crappy cable and DSL services.

The service, which costs between nothing and \$24.95 per month, utilizes city sewer systems to bring fiber to any home with a working toilet. Just place the Google-by-Linksys-by-Cisco wireless router on top of the tank, thread the sinker-equipped fiber optic line into the bowl, and flush (twice for good measure). Wait an hour, and the router's service light should turn on, indicating that the fiber has made its way to Google's underground Switching Hub Terminal, and is now connected to the interweb.

The service, which naturally only works if your toilet is connected with the city sewer-line, is subsidized by taking your bodily output, sequencing the DNA and providing you with contextual ads related to your diet and predisposition toward certain diseases.

For example, if you are a red-head, the DNA sequencer will make note of this fact and Google's advertising platform will place more emphasis on sunscreen and related products. Some privacy advocates are up in arms about this technology, but Google insists that the actual DNA information will not be shared, and will be discarded once the useful information is pulled from it. "The reason for this is economic," said one anonymous source. "A full DNA sequence is 750 megabytes, so when you multiply that by the potential subscriber base of Google TISP, you're

talking about a good bit of data." [End MJS 3/27]

Google also noted that it may store your health records anyway, through its Google Health service. "We aren't Facebook," Google Products President Larry Page said. "Your data is safe with us."

Google TISP doesn't offer the rip-roaring gigabit speeds of the upcoming Google Fiber project; however, price per megabit is incredibly low compared to any other service out there. 8 Mbps down, 2 Mbps up service is available at no monthly charge, 16 Mbps down, 4 Mbps up service is available for \$9.95 per month, and 32 Mbps down, 8 Mbps up service is available for just \$25 per month. In comparison, Comcast's 22 Mbps down, 5 Mbps up offering is around \$53 per month after heavy promotions have been applied, \$58 per month if you're rent-

ing a modem, and a whopping \$80 per month at regular non-promotion pricing. Qwest DSL offers 1.5 Mbps down, 896 kbps up service (minus 14% for ATM overhead) for \$30 per month. That said, neither DSL nor cable have the capability to look into your DNA and sell advertising against it. "We have no agreements with municipal sewer systems, and don't foresee getting any," said Qwest Area Representative Kelly Robberts. "Our fiber-to-somewhere-near-you initiative will be the way we deliver internet services for the foreseeable future."

The service will get rolling in Golden sometime after the Golden City Council comes back from their six-week spring break. "You will probably see TISP go live around the same time that we award our gigabit fiber to the home to one of the cities who applied," Page said. He noted that, theoretically,

TISP could reach gigabit speeds; however, with current equipment it was unlikely to do so. "The wireless routers do include 802.11n capability, however in order to mass-produce them we had to settle for a 100 Mbps internal switch. So if we do gigabit we'll need to replace a good bit of infrastructure," he continued. Also, one source said that Google will only be doing gigabit fiber where bandwidth is cheap, whereas TISP will be deployed more widely due to lower speed requirements. "It's definitely better than nothing," one Mines student remarked. "It's also dirt-cheap, and I don't care if Google grabs my DNA to make the service cheap like that. I mean, all they're going to find is that I eat a lot of ramen. Like, A LOT."

More information on the service can be found at <http://google.com/tisp>.

Graphs and charts fill space for crappy article

Tim Weilert
Article Writer Extraordinaire

Journalistic scientists at the Centre for Writing Advancement discovered a new way to fill mindless newspaper articles with content. The discovery came this week as writers everywhere within the dying newspaper industry started thinking about getting new jobs.

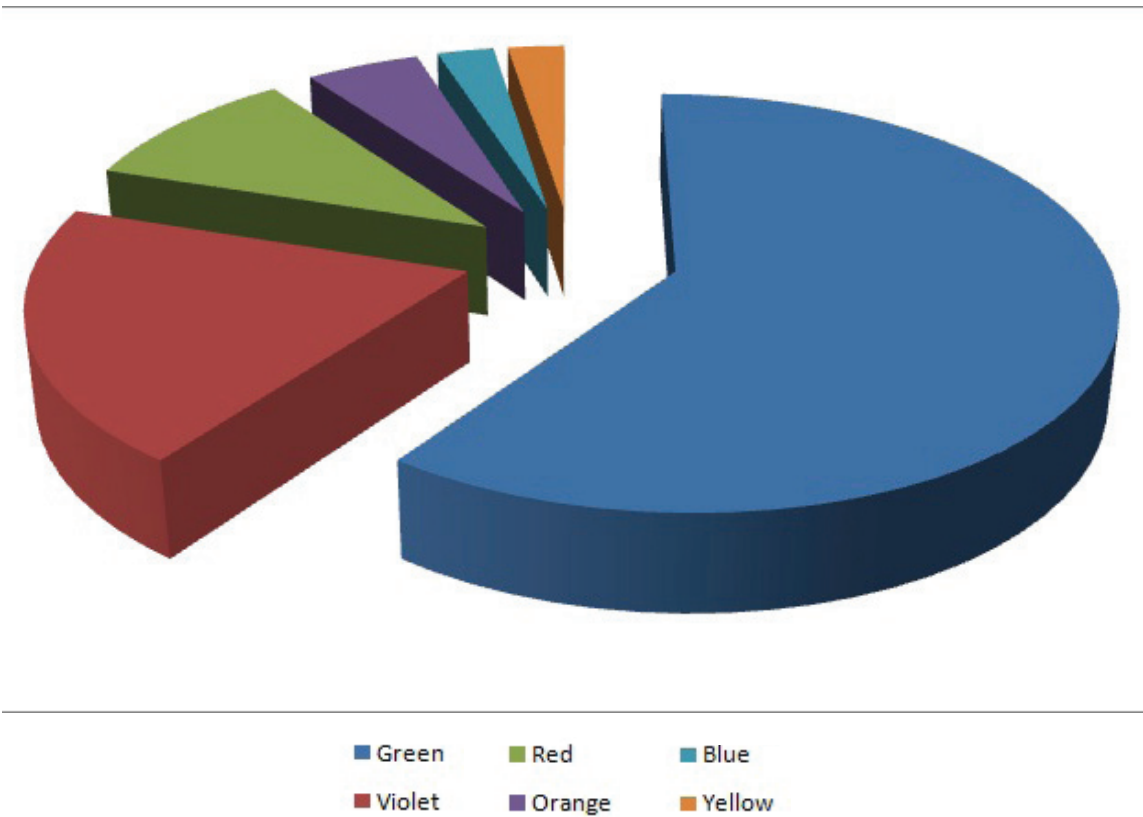
As it turns out, most people don't even read past the first paragraph in an article. Most stop after just a few sentences and don't ever get to the "meat" or "interesting bits." By this point in an article, the avid reader who has kept up with the author's constant droning will be treated to explanations of graphs and charts.

If a reader makes it all the way to the third paragraph, they're in for a real treat. Usually, there are quotes from semi-interesting people, but often those are simply fabrications of the writer's own imagination. Usually, the author would much rather just type a series of

swear words to see if their editors are paying attention. Shit, ass, balls, etc. If the editors haven't been laid-off yet, then they may catch the profanity. As you can see here, the Golddigger is run out of the back of a van.

At this point, the article has really gotten to be pretty long for a feature piece and most readers have already turned the page. However, there is hope that the writer knows what he or she is doing and will go somewhere with it. Following the obligatory swears, any good writer will begin wrapping things up and possibly ending the article with a quote. It all reminds me of a quote from a recently-diseased B-list-celebrity, "All I ever wanted was to be done reading that excuse for an article."

However, if the writer is truly uncaring they will write another paragraph, just because they can. It's a known fact that most newspaper people are paid by the word, so at this point, every single word that gets printed is just going to be gravy on their paycheck. Ca-ching!



TIM WEILERT / OREDIGGER

Windows users group

Ian Littman
OS Agnostic

"There are a lot of folks on-campus that use Windows," club president Mark Ross explained. "We're a silent majority here, and felt disenfranchised because we didn't have our own user group. So here we are."

The group's initial event was a Windows 7 launch party in Berthoud Hall 241. "Pizza and beer were served," Ross noted. "We had a good time, especially since I got a free copy of Windows 7 Ultimate Signature Steve Ballmer Edition. Heh heh, pretty cool stuff." Ross noted that everyone else... except crazy Linux hippie Physics majors and cheated-out-of-everything ChemEs... can get Windows 7 Professional for free. "I makes me feel a little better. If anyone wants to use Microsoft's bodacious and excellent operating system on campus, they can certainly do so."

The Windows Users Group is focused more on actually doing things with your computer, rather than just toying with the operating system to make it fit a user's needs. "I really don't understand why some of these Linux [users] spend three hours making their computers do the same [stuff] that Windows does out of the box," said Jim Higgins, an Economics & Business major and WUG member. "There are so many other things

that you could do in that time, like shuffling around spreadsheets with Excel or kicking back to a nice game of Windows Vista Ultimate Texas Hold 'em!" LUG members were too busy hacking the latest 2.6 kernel to respond.

"About half of our events are LAN parties," club treasurer Zane Barrier explained. "I'm talking about real games, modern ones, not that three-year-old crap that Linux and Mac users are stuck with." Barrier also said that, through a special agreement with Blizzard, every club member has been given a free "StarCraft 2 4 LIFE!" tee shirt, and many have gotten access to the beta. Andrea Fegir, one of the group's two women and the group's only Computer Science major, noted that WUG trailed LUG by 0.3 points in GPA. Her explanation: "We get out more." AT this statement, perfectionist, teeth-whitening Mac students across campus heaved a sigh of disdain. They will be starting their own User Group ("Singular, not plural...those Windows folks are stuipd-heads," one Mac fanboy retorted) soon, with the first meeting the Wednesday after E-Days.

The club, whose members are demographically biased away from MCS majors, meets on Tuesday evenings deep within the bowels of Coolbaugh Hall. Refreshments are provided.



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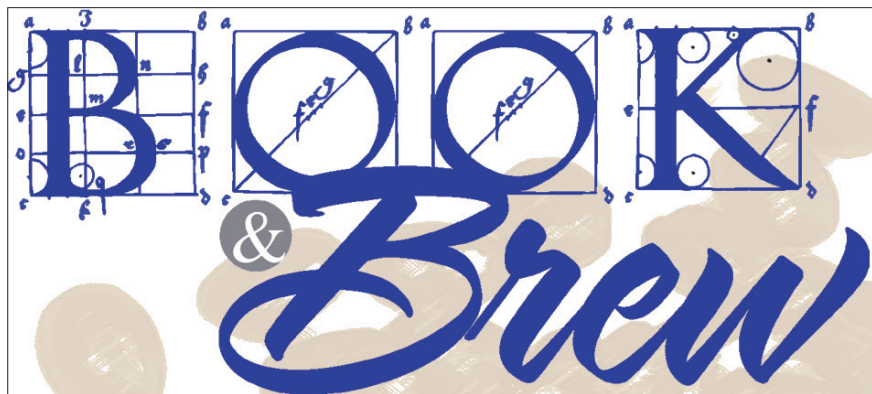
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Michael Bay to direct remake of *The Notebook*

Daniel Haughey
Michael Bay Lover

Behind every great love is a great story - Nicholas Sparks' *The Notebook* is no exception. This story led to the 2004 box office hit of the same name. While many say the movie represented the tone of the book quite well, director Micheal Bay disagreed and announced last Monday that he would, "Recreate this touchy-feely movie into one that a man could take his wife to and have the wife walk out half way through." For the remake, Micheal Bay announced that he would replace James Garner, who played the Older Noah Calhoun, and Gena Rowlands, who was the Older Allie Nelson, with more relevant special effects-driven characters voiced by Betty White and Sean Connery. Conery's appearance in the film will

draw male audiences, for whom Connery represents James Bond and all that is man. Cast as the younger Noah Calhoun and Allie Nelson are Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox. When asked to comment on this choice for casting Bay said, "I already have these actors programmed into my special effects program and I will have them say their lines and the program will be able to simulate what real acting would look like." He added, "I have decided I that I should update the plot for a more modern audience. I've changed time periods from World War II-era to modern-day, with Calhoun being drafted into the army to serve in the War on Terror. I've also changed the letters he writes - pivotal to the story's original plot - to twitters." To recognize this change, the movie will be released under the title, *The Tweeter*.

O'Doul's provides thrilling placebo effect

Kevin Lock
Recovering Alcoholic

O'Doul's, brewed by Anheuser-Busch, Inc. out of Missouri is truly a masterpiece as far as the brewing process is concerned. The ability of Anheuser-Busch to create a beer with such an amazing placebo effect is astounding. It has long been said by ancient philosophers that, "The only true way to test how good a beer is, is to see how quickly it will get naive kids drunk and just how drunk you can become before vomiting." Based on this standard of a good beer, O'Doul's is by far the best beer ever made!

With a knock-you-off-your-feet alcohol content of 0.50% ABV, and very little taste to speak of, O'Doul's is truly a premium malt beverage. Mickey's and Colt 45 cannot hold a candle to this fine brew. O'Doul's has a sweet and watery flavor which is very difficult to achieve, match, or contend with. The watery flavor that this beer boasts easily surpasses the astonishing lack of flavor in Key-stones; they even do it without the alcohol!

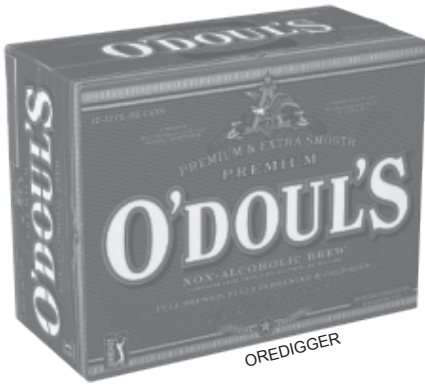
As one drinks beer after beer of O'Doul's, the best part is that they can decide exactly how drunk they would like to be. "After a long night of O'Doul's, and a poor choice in

women, I was able to claim black-out status for the hookup. However, when I was pulled over while speeding away from the scene of the atrocity, I was able to pass both the roadside and the breathalyzer!" bragged a fellow taster. "I really like drinking O'Doul's, the placebo effect kicks in during the party and while I'm at the bars but I don't have to fear violating my probation, and I can start my car to drive home even with my in-car breathalyzer I had to get after my DUI," stated a fellow O'Doul's lover while drinking downtown.

As Anheuser-Busch brews this fine malt beverage, they allow it to ferment, becoming just as flavorful and alcoholic as any other beer.

According to their website, "At the very end of the brewing process (after O'Doul's has been fermented and matured like other malt beverages) the alcohol is gently and naturally extracted." I find this to be amazing because not only are they able to take a perfectly good beer and make it into one with as little or less flavor than Keystone (the water that'll getcha drunk) they are also able to remove all the alcohol!

This fine beer is to the alcoholic just as baby aspirin is to a Vicodin addict. It doesn't really taste the same or have any effect, but it may just satisfy the craving, if only for a few minutes.



E.T. for Atari 2600, the best game of all time?

Tim Weilert
Kickin' it Old Skool

In the course of human history there have been few video games that have had such a profound impact on society as E.T. for Atari 2600. The year was 1982, the Toyota Camry hit the pavement for the first time ever, the Cold War was still a few years from ending, and gamers across the United States eagerly awaited a stunning virtual interpretation of Steven Spielberg's newest sci-fi flick.

Upon powering up the beautiful wood-grain-laminate Atari 2600 players are greeted with mind-blowing graphics and sound. E.T., the freakin' extra terrestrial, is right there on the television screen in all of his pixilated glory. Not just the alien himself, but his cancer-curing theme song graces the speakers for but a moment before the adventure begins.

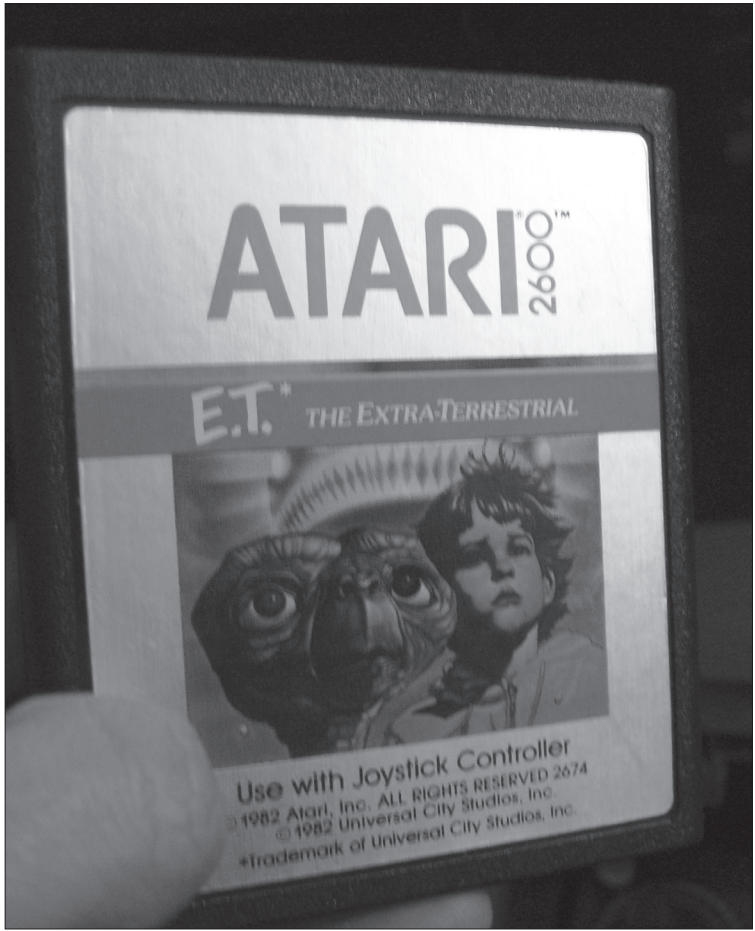
The game-play is like a dream. While playing E.T., I have often been so engrossed in the mission of collecting telephone parts to "phone home" that I have gone days and weeks without properly bathing or cooking. What is there not to love about this game? Each screen provides surprises, mysteries, and pits (lots of pits). But fear not! For E.T. can fly! Also, there is this countdown thing, I don't know what it actually does, but it RULES! Also, there are enemies? I guess there are, and they are pretty cool too.

This game was so incredible that Atari simply could not pro-

duce enough copies to keep up with demand. People everywhere in 1982 were all like, "I gotta get me some E.T. and vote for Reagan some more." Eventually Atari caught up with demand and had produced enough copies of E.T. for each Atari 2600 owner to have 3 copies each. Most people were thrilled at the prospect of owning such a fantastic game, except for the mole people. The subterra-

nean mole people of Alamogordo, New Mexico had been forgotten in the E.T. frenzy.

As a way of apologizing to the mole-people community, Atari buried several thousand copies of E.T. in the New Mexico desert. In fact, local legends say that if you listen closely enough at night you can still hear the mole people playing their copies of E.T. for the Atari 2600.



COURTESY ATARI

Music review: Jay-Z's *The Blueprint IV*

Tim Weilert
Musaholic

There are few names in hip-hop that are hotter than Jay-Z right now. (Mike Huckabee and Rihanna for two.) After his recent performance at the Pepsi Center, Mr. Z decided to head back to the studio to record a follow-up to 2009's *The Blueprint 3* with... you guessed it, *The Blueprint 4*.

Picking up where he left off, Jay-Z once again raps about a great American city. While "Empire State of Mind" may have utilized Alicia Keys to sing about New York City, the equally intriguing "Bumblebee State of Mind" employs the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to sing about the great state of Utah.

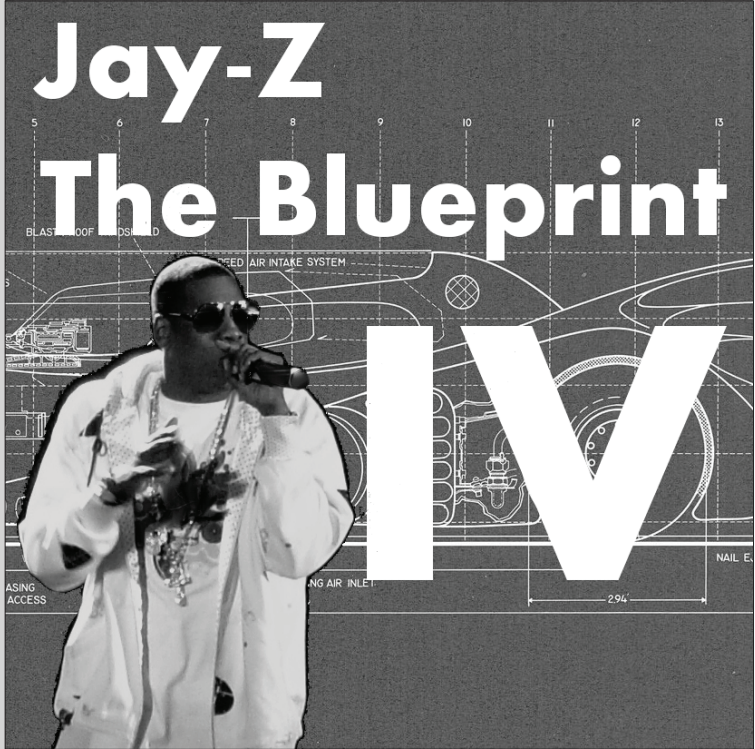
Perhaps the best track on *The Blueprint 4* is "Big Pimpin' (Foodie Remix)" wherein Jay-Z goes into detail on the type of "cheese" that is "spent." Greater lyrics have never been heard than "Big pimpin' we spending the stilton."

While Jay-Z sang about the death of auto-tune on *Blueprint 3*, he sings about the death of another recording studio effect, compression, on *Blueprint 4*.

"Ain't no need for a brick wall compressor / play my tune on the radio just like clothes in a dresser."

While the newest release from the Grammy Award-winning rapper/producer has met some critics with mixed reviews, this reviewer cannot get enough of *Blueprint 4*. In fact, I have gone so far as

to name my firstborn child "Jay-Z" and I have gotten the words "The Blueprint 4" tattooed on my face. So the next time you see me walking across Kafadar with some headphones in, you had better believe that I'm groovin' to "American Fang-ster (a Song About Twilight)."



COURTESY JAY-Z

Below is an excerpt from the 1982 Earth Raper's Gazette satire issue.

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The Earth Raper's Gazette is a supplement to the Oredigger and is published in conjunction with April Fool's Day. We have rules against racism, sexism, and stuff like that there.

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Dear Concerned:

Concerning your obsession with the word concerned, I recommend that you not concern yourself with the word concerned too much. If concerned persists in your vocabulary, you should see a concerned specialist in concerned obsessions. I'm sure he/she will

concern themselves with your concerned problem, concerned.

Dear Abdul:

I have had a very healthy, sound marriage for many years, but it could be coming to an end. Last week, I caught one of my wives (I'll call her Farah, which is convenient, because that is her real name) lifting her veil in the presence of another man. This man has been trying to impress Farah for several months. He is an engineer, hauling the bucks hand over

fist. His western education has made him into a greedy capitalist, just like all those Ameddicans he says are his friends. He even took the liberty of asking Farah for a date. She promptly plucked one from the tree and gave it to him. Please print this. What do you think?

—Farah's Husband.

Dear F.H.:

Here it is, straight from the camel's mouth. You need a few more wives to replace her.

Dear Abdul:

Recently, my husband and I

were at a party. The hostess (I'll call her Diddleysquat) gave my husband eight pinon nuts but only offered me seven. What do you think of this? — Abby V. in Chicago

Dear Abby:

It seems to me that you had a difference of opinion. Seek professional help.

Dear Abdul:

A reliable source of innuendo told me that the Russians fear the Eskimos. Why is this true? — Ronald R. in Wash.

Dear Ron:

A reliable source of heresay (I'll call him Alexander H.) told me that the Russians fear them because they have ICBM's.

Dear Abdul:

I have noticed that on every weather vane I have ever seen the animal is a cock, or rooster if you like. Why is this so? — Ayatollah U.

Dear A.U.:

If the animal were a pussy instead, the wind would blow right through it.

Bowling best drunk sport

Mike Stone
Drunk Sports Analyst

In a new poll of over 30,000 college students from around the country, bowling has been ranked as the #1 best activity to do with friends while drinking. Bowling alleys around the country are scrambling to make new leagues that work around the demands of a noon-3pm class schedule, after the release of the news.

“Good bye beer pong, hello bowling,” announced junior Quinn Supputta at the top of his lungs in Kafadar this Sunday. Bowling is a sport that involves knocking wooden pins over with a ball. Much more difficult than throwing a ball into a hole as in beer pong, or whacking a ball with a stick as

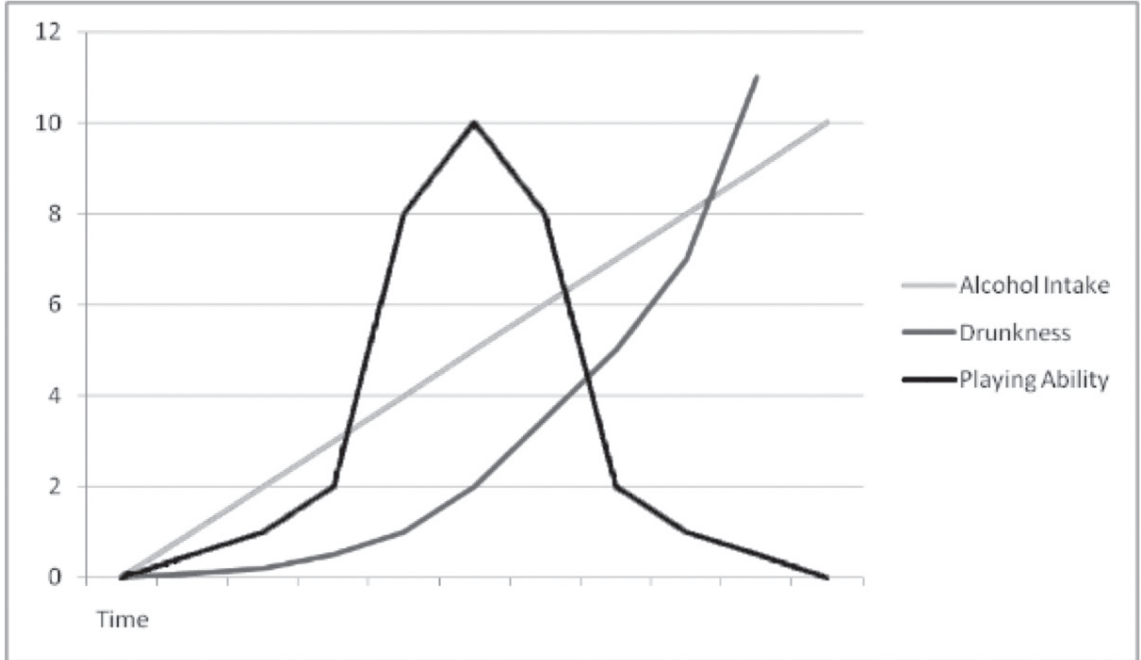
in drunk golfing (dolfing), bowling involves two alleys, or “gutters” on either side of the rolling area that measures how drunk the bowler actually is.

“If you start avoiding those gutters, you’re not that drunk yet, but in that perfect zone where playing ability increases,” explained drinking statistician Kelly Kapouski, “You see, as a player intakes beers after beer, they suddenly loose all inhibition and reservations and simply throw the ball down the alley. This is the time when they start knocking down 80% of their total pins that night. It’s usually during frames 2-6 in the second game.” Kapouski’s explanation can be seen through the graph below.

As alcohol intake increases linearly and drunkenness exponen-

tially, there becomes a bandwidth in which the player will increase in performance and maybe even get a strike. The reason for the opposing drop off is due to the player being so drunk that they can barely throw the ball without falling to the ground. The size of the bandwidth varies by person but is directly related to “light-weight” status.

“We used to go dolfing or just drink beers while throwing cards into a hat. Now I’ve got a better way to show my lack of athleticism to my friends and I’m really excited about that,” slipped senior Greg Smith. With the advent of the news about Bowling, America’s newest way to drink athletically will no longer involve slow-pitch softball, golfing, beer pong, or go-cart races. Bowling is king.



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Mines finds money to pay for student athletes

Ryan Browne
Mining Forever

“This is a historic occasion for the school. For the first time, we may be able to find student athletes. We can go on the offensive, rather than hoping that some mining engineering major has played football before,” said CSM President John Algins. The Colorado School of Mines has finally found a way to scrounge up enough money to provide scholarships to prospective student athletes.

After meeting with representa-

tives from Facilities Management, Algins realized that there was a fortune being spent on repairing Brook’s Field every year after the E-Days’ Fireworks show. “It costs us nearly \$100,000 in overtime hours to have the student slackers repair the field,” noted Algins. “If we do not have to repair the field every year, we could put that to work to provide \$1,000 scholarships to the athletes we want, kind of like our Medal of Achievement in Math and Science award.”

To accomplish this task, Algins had to convince the E-Days’ com-

mittee to move the fireworks show from Brooks field to a location no one would care if it was not repaired. The obvious choice was the freshman parking lot. “The freshman are new every year. They will not know that anything is wrong, as they have never parked there before. In addition, we will have less trouble with speeding the lots, as speeders will engage in a form of natural selection, totaling their own car rather than some poor freshman walking, sleep-drunk through the lot,” stated Facilities Management liason Marco Romero.



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Game forfeited to save GPA's

Trevor Crane
Too Cool for School

Once again, academics have triumphed over athletics. It’s not obvious to realize, by looking at the outward appearance of many Mines students that this is the case, but recent actions taken by the men’s basketball team have hammered it home.

The Orediggers are coming off one of the best seasons in school history, winning a share of the RMAC east title, and after an early exit in the conference tournament, earned a berth in the NCAA Division II tournament. But, unfortunately for the team, their opening round game took place on the same day as the P-Chem test. And rather than try to reschedule the test for a later date, the team opted to forfeit their first appearance in the tournament in school history to prepare for and take the exam. “It’s been a tough year academically so far” forward James Lebrown said, “and we didn’t want to risk ruining our GPA by postponing our test and potentially not doing our best.”

Nine members of the team are enrolled in the class, and after a captain’s meeting, voted to forfeit the game against Minnesota State. “I’m so proud of our guys” commented head coach Frank Johnson, “they realized the importance of school and made the right choice.”

Teammates taking the class agreed with the decision. They stated that they would rather study and learn about P-Chem than play basketball any day of the week. College basketball critics are puzzled by the move from the team. Many predicted that the Oredigger’s would win the tournament easily and would even win the Division I tournament if they had the chance.

This was obviously a talented team on the court, and is proving to be gifted in the classroom as well. Many players on the team post a 4.0 GPA and are on the verge of curing many crises including the water shortage, energy shortage and cancer. So, as for basketball and its importance? “There’s always next year” said guard Jeremiah Jordan.

Wii now satisfies PAGN 101 requirement

Ian Littman
Mario Kart Titan

For students who would rather not play ultimate, floor hockey or high-velocity dodgeball, there is another option at Mines. “We felt that it’s just as easy to pull a muscle wielding a Wiimote playing tennis,” said first-year PA director Marvin Miner. “If students aren’t used to real exercise this is a good, low-impact substitute,” Miner added. “It will also keep some of our more frail student population from bodily harm for one semester where otherwise they might be subjected to a totally unintentional blow to the glasses and/or...um...more tender areas. Saves us a little in insurance premiums.”

The program is jointly subsidized by Nintendo and UnitedHealth, Mines’s current health insurance provider. “With this program, we expect average payouts to injured students to decrease from five percent to four percent of our collected premiums,” UnitedHealth Mines representative Dewey Cheetham. “We’ll need all the money we can get once this ObamaCare thing comes around,” he continued. After Obama’s unilateral veto of the health plan, Cheetham only had this to say, “That’s cool. We still are keeping our premiums the same though.”

In response to allegations that Mines students will now be cooped up in their dorm rooms doing homework and video games rather than going outside for a breath of fresh air, Miner

noted that PAGN 102 and beyond will still involve outdoor activity. “We’re trying to adapt to students’ wishes here,” he stated. “Also, it’s not like we’re letting them mess around on Xbox 360 or PS3s. At least, not until Project Natal comes out. We’re requiring students to synchronize their Miis with a special server to track progress. If their Mii is consistently showing an athletic age of above thirty, that student will receive a decreased grade, and if it’s above fifty at the middle of the semester then they will be required to join a regular PA class. This is actually more demanding of the student than the current PA program, which relies on attendance because coaches honestly don’t care much about the course.”

Rumors have circulated that the program was instituted because coaches think that proctoring a generic first-year PA course is tantamount to cleaning bathroom floors or taking out the garbage at Volk Gymnasium. It was also noised about that the option will reduce the number of PAGN 101 classes from thirty-five to three, saving the Athletics department a large six-figure sum per year. Miner could not be reached for comment regarding these allegations; he was teaching PAGN 101 at the time, with a PAGN 102 class after that and Intermediate Swimming after that. That’s only three hours of classes on a Friday, but this article was due sooner than later and you gotta party sometime. Mario Kart WFC, anyone?



Copy Editor to Editor-in-Chief to death

Tracing the Post story across five continents and 47 years

Mike Stone
Mystery Investigator

Covered in lies and deceit, the Sara Post story is one of ambiguity and confusion. Ending in a roller-coaster “accidental death” last Friday, the events leading up to her death are truly astounding. Yes, quite masterful in plan; whoever killed this poor, poor soul did his job quite uniquely as no one will ever find out who he was. Again, what a cool guy. He (or she) must have been planning it for years to no one’s knowledge and when “execution” time (so to speak) came to pass, the plan went flawlessly. Anyways, the following article is just based on things I heard because I was in another state seeing my grandmother, so there’s no way I could have been at the crime scene. I have the plane ticket to prove it.

Sara Post was born in 1963 in the small town of Spokane, Switzerland. Roaming the Swiss countryside for most of her youth, she got involved in the Elite Mountain Girls Club (the equivalent of Swiss Girl Scouts, but their cookies are even better) at the age of 13 and quickly climbed the ranks to “Eagless” by the age of 15. Power hungry and achievement thirsty, this advancement is believed to be the early trigger that made Sara into the “Monkey on a Rock” that she was later in life.

From age 16-18, it is believed that Sara traveled throughout Europe killing those that got in her way. Literally speaking, if she was walking down the street and someone bumped into her because they were chasing their five-year-old from running into the candy shop because it’s Saturday and daddy never takes her anywhere, but Saturday is Kelly

and Daddy day, so the court says, and a lollipop is all she ever wanted to make this day even more special after the petting zoo and water park, and I hope mommy and daddy get back together since I would be the luckiest girl in the world, and I hope no one ever takes daddy away from me again, she’d kill them by injecting a slow-acting poison in the neck.

Into her early twenties, Sara gained passage into the United States where she worked the streets for almost a year, but then opened a nail salon, laundry mat, and restaurant as most immigrants did in that time. After the

laundry crisis of 1985, she quickly left the East coast to avoid the mobs and moved to Golden, Colorado. After gaining entry to the Oredigger



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office by a locksmith mix-up, Sara grabbed hold of the adolescent newspaper and began her double agent duties for the school and the FBI. After years and years of lies, insurance scams, and squeezing from the middle of the toothpaste and not the end like you’re supposed to, Sara was quickly disposed of by a newspaper triple agent.

After being declared the 2010

winner of the Elich Gardens “Anytime You Want” Award, Sara was allowed to ride the roller coasters anytime she wanted, even if the park was closed. After becoming quite predictable in her midnight ride every Tuesday, the “Old Faithful” wooden roller coaster sent Sara to her death when 50 feet of track were missing due to carpenter ants. Fortunately, when Sara landed, she didn’t break every bone in her body, but there happened to be a moving truck filled with plutonium right next to her causing severe radiation poisoning. After returning to her car to drive herself to the hospital, the car exploded upon ignition. Still alive and struggling to dial 911, a seagull pooped on her head and as the droppings reached her face, they gave her Pink-Eye. The common cold is what finally killed her the next day. A wake will be held for her at next decades’s ASCSM meeting.

Alderson Hall addition set back

Who made the multi-million dollar mistake?

Mike Stone
Mishap Investigator

The Alderson Hall addition has been in the Colorado School of Mines Master Plan for the past 11 years. Adding more classroom and research space for the very-in-need chemistry department has been one of the central canons for the school administration since early 1999. Now that the project is finally here, there remains only one problem- it began 300 feet further to the West than intended.

“We have no idea how this happened,” admitted school administrator Jim Tanke. The 4.2 million dollar addition to Alderson Hall broke ground two weeks ago just behind Brown building. Nobody noticed that the marks were misplaced and the addition would be

“This is a blaring signal as to how the school is run if you ask me,” explained transferee David Redfern, “The next thing you know, they’ll want me to show up to so-called ‘Senior Design’ classes just to take attendance. I mean, I’m a 21 year old adult who’s paying YOU. Can’t I make the decision whether to show up?”

Additional discomfort about the addition’s mishap has been shown by the school’s professors. “My office is now destroyed and you’re telling me they didn’t need to tear it down? I had finally alphabetized my books!” asked adjunct professor Tike Minney. Brown Building experienced the brunt of the mistake. Two large class rooms, a staircase, and a place to talk loudly on your phone so people in class could hear you were all destroyed when



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constructed with both another building and a road in the way. “How am I supposed to get to my classes?” A s k e d

newly accepted high school student, Jamie Roberts, “My schedule says CTLM 119, CH 209, AH 201, and AH 305. I have no idea if those Alderson Hall classes are in the old Alderson or the new Alderson! I’m going to be late since there’s no underground tunnel to get to the new one!” Most incoming students find it perplexing that a school would place a building addition 300 feet away from its intended plot, while others are changing to attend different schools.

construction crews went to work clearing the area of all “man-made paraphernalia.” “We will fix this mistake,” explained project engineer Dan Thomas, “We will be working around the clock to replace the part of Brown Building we destroyed. The replacement will be bigger, better, and even have a court yard. We’ll try our best to make it look like it was even intended.” The replacement of the destroyed Brown Building is expected to finish by the start of the Fall Semester. After that, the real Alderson Hall addition will begin. The Engineering Department is quite pleased.

Mike Stone
Fool’s Gold Content Manager

“I want to be your derivative, so I can lie tangent to your curves” is a math joke for the over-enthusiastic high school teacher or nerd among nerds at CSM. It is not, however, for the general populous of the school. Appearing in three different articles and even having an article written about it, the not-that-great-in-the-first-place joke baffled readers this week and even made some projectile vomit.

“I just wanted to read an entire school newspaper filled with jokes,” reasoned senior Julianne Bates, “but

all I got was poorly written satires on healthcare and math jokes. Who are these people?” Much of the students at Mines mistook this week’s newspaper called The Golddigger as a headline misprint and read the paper for current information as usual.

“None of this crap is true,” clarified senior Wizarding Editor for the paper, Tim Wielert. “It’s just a bad attempt to release some stress for our writers once a year.”

“Nothing could be further from the truth,” said Sara Post, Editor-in-Chief for the newspaper right before dying from the flu and various, less important injuries.

“Sara is right,” added copy editor,

Zach Boerner, before being struck by a rock. His injuries, unfortunately, were not fatal. He did, however; have trouble getting to his car after the interview when a bird attempted to steal his hair to make its nest.

“I started Fool’s Gold back in the day (a Wednesday) to get a few laughs and release some steam. I guess it’s a dying concern though, because it’s down to Janeen and me. I hope she dies before me.

“I hate that witch,” revealed Fool’s Gold Content Manager Mike Stone. The growing concern is that the Oredigger could have an entire issue of just satire and nobody would notice.

Fool’s Gold Editor dies from irony

Mike Stone
Dead Man Walking

Fool’s Gold Content Manager and Editor Mike Stone died this Tuesday after a stack of old Oredigger newspapers fell from the shelving above his desk. The blunt force caused severe internal trauma and bleeding leaving him only hours to live. It is also said that Mike caught glimpses of all the articles he and others had read over the past four years, which caused ferocious laughter and only increased the bleeding rate in his abdomen.

Given his very short time to live, Mike naturally wrote his final will and testament expressing all the knowledge and love he had gained in his life from count-

less people (just like a Grammy speech), but it was quickly erased when he forgot to press the “save” button like an idiot, and he kicked the computer power cord out. Unable to reproduce the twenty-three page document that he had created over the last four

hours, he wrote an article covering his unfortunate death in the last ten minutes of his life. Luckily, Mike left an excess of Fool’s Gold articles to fill the remaining issue of the Oredigger for the Spring Semest-ARRRRGGGGGHHHHH-HH!!!!!!



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